REMARKS

Applicant received a Notice of Allowability dated November 15, 2002. Applicant has canceled pending 1, 3, 4, and 6-15 in favor of newly submitted claims 16-37. Applicant has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the newly submitted claims.

Request for Continued Examination

Applicant has submitted a request for continued examination (or RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. The request is appropriate as it complies with the requirements set out at 37 CFR § 1.114(a). In particular:

- Prosecution in the application is closed, as a Notice of Allowability has been received in the application dated November 15, 2002;
- The request is accompanied by a submission, specifically the amendment to the claims set out above; and
- iii) The request is accompanied by the fee set forth at 37 CFR § 1.17(e).

Support for the above amendments may be generally found in the instant specification. More particularly, support for the above amendments may be found at page 6, lines 8-17; page 7, lines 11-20; page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 10; page 9, line 23 to page 10, line 2; page 11, claim 1 as filed; and Figures 6 and 9.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or the application as a whole, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney so that allowance of the claims can be facilitated.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, to: Box ISSUE FEE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on June 18, 2001.

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